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1. An information processor comprising:

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a first recording means for relating a predetermined number of types of data about a first content as a first main data group with the first content and recording the data; and

a second recording means for relating data of types other than the first main data group about the first content and recording in a sub data group;

the first recording means relating a predetermined number of types of data about the second content as a second main data group with the second content and recording the data, and the second recording means relating data of types other than the second main data group about the second content with the second content and recording the data in the sub data group.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second recording means records the usage rule for the contents as the other types of data.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second recording means records, as the other types of data, data used to control a device using the contents

4. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for judging, when reading data about a content, whether the type of data to be read is that of data recorded in either the main data group or sub data group; and

means for searching for data from a plurality of main data groups or sub data

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groups based on the result of the search made by the data searching means.

5. An information processing method comprising:

a first recording step of relating a predetermined number of types of data about a first content as a first main data group with the first content and recording the data; and

a second recording step of relating data of types other than the first main data group about the first content and recording in a sub data group;

a predetermined number of types of data about the second content being related as a second main data group with the second content and recorded at the first recording step; and

data of types other than the second main data group about the second content being related with the second content and recorded in the sub data group at the second recording step.

6. The method according to claim 5, further comprising:

a judging step of judging, when reading data about a content, whether the type of data to be read is that of data recorded in either the main data group or sub data group; and

a data searching step of searching for data from a plurality of main data groups or sub data groups based on the result of the search made at the data searching step.

7. A program storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program for use in the above information processing apparatus and method, the

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program comprising:

a first recording step of relating a predetermined number of types of data about a first content as a first main data group with the first content and recording the data; and

a second recording step of relating data of types other than the first main data group about the first content and recording the data in a sub data group;

a predetermined number of types of data about the second content being related as a second main data group with the second content and recorded at the first recording step; and

data of types other than the second main data group about the second content being related with the second content and recorded in the sub data group at the second recording step.

8. The medium according to claim 7, the program further comprising:

a judging step of judging, when reading data about a content, whether the type of data to be read is that of data recorded in either the main data group or sub data group; and

a data searching step of searching for data from a plurality of main data groups or sub data groups based on the result of the search made at the data searching step.

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